

March 1, to make some required improvements to that structure which could be avoided. There would be some additional office space available which is reasonable. Another very significant factor is the basement of that building is suitable for additional computer space. What is significant is that this is across the street. When you locate additional computer space, and some of you are probably aware that we are full in the basement and, as a matter of fact, or in this building, if more things are added to this building, you have to tear out what is existing to put in additional equipment, is not very wise. But that facility is ideal and what is significant is it's right across the street so you are talking about very short connecting lines and that is one of the big expenses for the operation of a computer. DAS provided for that this would have a payout in 15 years, which is a remarkably short time for a capital construction facility, and that was based upon using what you would use in the private sector, an 8 percent interest figure on the money as well as the 3 percent average maintenance cost, and still would be an economical, appropriate structure to buy. But, again, the Governor does not need to buy it but the authorization is there and because the facility is available now, because it is across the street and because it does not adversely affect spending at the current time, because it does not have a continuing obligation and because it is feasible, I would hope that you would override vetoes on this bill in its entirety. While on the surface it may appear and will to some extent be an increase in the appropriation, notwithstanding that the money would not necessarily be obligated if it was determined as the receipts come in that it was unnecessary or not desirable to proceed with. So I would urge that the motion be approved.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Abboud, do you wish to speak on the Warner motion? Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud. I have..okay, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would not override this veto. We've just increased the taxpayers' spending by a half a percent in sales tax. That is a half a percent that merchants, businessmen, and such are not going to get. We've raised the amount of tax just for the state to 4 percent, 1 percent more if 662 stays in the Constitution, and 1 or 1.5 percent, depending on what each city has. I cannot, in my mind at this time, when all I keep hearing is about shortfall, shortfall, what a bad position we are in, and yet we are talking about \$1.5 million for maintenance and saying that